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SUBJECT: FREEDOM HOUSE

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1. FREEDOM HOUSE IS A PRIVATE, NON-PARTISAN ORGANIZATION WHICH DESCRIBES ITSELF AS DEDICATED TO STRENGTHENING OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. ORIGINALLY FOUNDED IN 1941, IT RECEIVES FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM SOME 5000 INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTORS, TRADE UNIONS, CORPORATE DONORS AND (FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS) PUBLIC FOUNDATIONS.

2. GRADING MENTIONED REFTEL IS A RELATIVELY SMALL PART OF FREEDOM HOUSE'S ACTIVITIES. FOR EXAMPLE, IT HAS JUST RELEASED AN EXTENSIVE TWO-VOLUME STUDY ON THE MEDIA IN THE US AND PUBLISHES A BI-MONTHLY REVIEW "FREEDOM AT ISSUE." EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF FREEDOM HOUSE IS LEONARD SUSSMAN.

3. CORRECTING ERRONEOUS INFORMATION PROVIDED EARLIER,
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MAURITIUS WAS ONE OF 4 RPT 4 AF COUNTRIES (OTHERS WERE BOTSWANA, THE GAMBIA AND SEYCHELLES) GRADED "FREE" IN 1976. IN ADDITION TO OVERALL CHARACTERIZATION, RATINGS INCLUDE NUMERICAL RANKING IN THREE SUB-CATEGORIES, AND FREEDOM HOUSE JUDGMENT OF TRENDS IN EACH AREA. FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE POUCHED.
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